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Republican Powell backs Obama's bid

POLITICS Colin Powell, a Republican and retired general who was President George W. Bush's first secretary of state, broke with the party yesterday and endorsed Democrat Barack Obama for president, calling him a "transformational figure" while criticizing the tone of John McCain' s campaign.

Colin Powell

The former joint chiefs of staff chairman said either senator is qualified to be commander-in-chief. But after studying both, he concluded that Obama is better suited than McCain, the standard-bearer of Powell's own party, to handle the nation's economic problems and help improve its world standing. "It isn't easy for me to disappoint Senator McCain in the way that I have this morning, and I regret that," Powell said on NBC's Meet the Press. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Fashion Week
Tartan's here

Get a glimpse of spring at the 16th season of L'Oréal Fashion Week, which kicks off today at 2 p.m. Pictured here: The spring 2009 collection from Pink Tartan, showing at 8 p.m. at Nathan Phillips Square. Fashion Week runs until Oct. 25.

Premiers meet over economy

Canada's premiers are gathering in Montreal today to chart a course through the worsening global financial crisis that is walloping governments around the world.

Provincial and territorial leaders are expected to implore Prime Minister Stephen Harper not to cut provincial transfer payments to avert a possible budget deficit.

"There will be some discussion about the cuts the federal government made last time they were facing a deficit situation," said a senior Ontario official.

"The cuts made by Ottawa for provincially delivered services in the mid-1990s damaged public services people count on in tougher times. Nobody wants to see that again."

Quebec Premier Jean Charest, chair of the Council of the Federation, said last week that even though Canada's heavily regulated banks "are in good shape," there are concerns over the financial system.

"All around us, in the United States and in Europe, there are very real problems. We seem to be the exception to the rule, but we live in a global economy, a very open economy, and it does affect us," he said.

"There will be some discussion about cuts the federal government made last time they were facing a deficit situation."
Senior Ontario official

Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty plans to brief his colleagues on the province's fall economic statement, which will be delivered Wednesday. Finance Minister Dwight Duncan has signalled that Ontario will be in a budget deficit position after years of surpluses.

"Our fall economic statement is the first reporting of any government in Canada," said the senior Ontario official.

McGuinty is expected to assure the other premiers that Ontario will push forward with job-creating infrastructure investments, even with a deficit.

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Sick leaves ailing TTC

The Toronto Transit Commission, which expects to spend $3.8 million over budget this year to cover employee sick days, is expanding an early intervention program to get workers back on the job sooner.

And in a bid to help make that happen, the TTC is also working on transforming the workplace culture, making it more embracing.

"People who are engaged in the workplace may feel more able to come to work, especially if they're suffering from something like a cold," said TTC chair Adam Giambrone.

Sick days have been costing the TTC about $20 million a year — and climbing at the rate of about 1 per cent annually.

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Payout

- In 2006, the TTC paid out about $150 a day in benefits for 112,690 sick days. Last year that number rose to 116,693. By the end of last month, the TTC had paid out benefits on 99,270 sick days.

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Sex offender from Britain arrested downtown
The RCMP arrested a high-risk sex offender in Toronto Friday after he arrived here from the United Kingdom. The Mounties said the man was a U.K. repeat offender dating back to 1982 whose parole terms forbade him from leaving the country. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Local

Street eats plan tabled

Coun. John Filion, chair of Toronto's board of health, says there's finally a workable plan on the table to promote the sale of ethnically diverse foods on Toronto streets. The plan would also see some hot dog vendors selling healthier meals like whole fruits, corn on the cob, bagels and pre-cooked veggie burgers.

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Music

Rock band Keane's drummer Richard Hughes talks about the release of their album.

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These results are not official.

HIV case goes to trial

A man facing first-degree murder charges for allegedly spreading the virus that causes AIDS will see his case go before a jury today.

Johnson Aziga, 52, has spent five years in pre-trial custody. Two women died after allegedly having unprotected sex with him.

Aziga, a former research analyst with Ontario's Ministry of the Attorney General, has pleaded not guilty to two counts of first-degree murder and 11 counts of aggravated sexual assault.

Alison Symington, with the Canadian HIV/AIDS Legal Network, said the case is significant but the allegations against Aziga are rare.

"There are 60,000 people living with HIV in Canada," said Symington. "These are very rare cases indeed, but there's so much attention to them and so much misinformation and panic around them that it really kind of increases stigma and discrimination."

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Up

- There has been a notable increase in criminal charges for HIV transmission since about 2000, said Alison Symington, with the Canadian HIV/AIDS Legal Network.

COLIN MCCONNELL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

About 12,000 runners from more than 50 countries make their way down Yonge Street in yesterday's Toronto Marathon from Mel Lastman Square to the waterfront and downtown.

Marathon raises $1M for charities

It was a marathon of milestones. For Rick Rayman, 62, the Toronto Marathon yesterday was his 200th and, at 4:22:58, one of the fastest he's run this year.

Though the Toronto dentist wasn't first by far — winner Daniel Njenga, of Kenya, finished in 2:29 — Rayman was the star of the show, drawing good wishes and cheers from other runners.

Roughly 12,000 people from more than 50 countries participated in the events — a 5-kilometre race, half-marathon, marathon and relay — stretching from Mel Lastman Square to the waterfront and downtown.

> **"I thought those years were long gone."**
> Dawn Richardson

Some 2,400 signed up for the full distance, according to race officials. The events raised more than $1 million for various charities.

Njenga won, but didn't top the course record of 2:19:17.

Dawn Richardson of England was the first woman to finish. She crossed the finish line at 2:57:47, her first race under three hours in four years, she said.

"I thought those years were long gone," the tired but radiant 36-year-old runner told reporters.

Though the elite runners get the glory, the bulk of race participants aren't in it to compete, said race director Jay Glassman.

"Ninety-nine per cent of runners are running just for themselves, to complete," he said.

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Fire leaves one of three brothers dead

Robert Williams, 61, awoke from sleep Saturday night in the storefront apartment he shared with his two brothers to find a fire burning his foot. He screamed to rouse his brother, Peter, 66, asleep in another room.

However, Robert was greeted by police, who told him his brother was dead in the blaze on Dundas Street West, near Keele Street. Younger brother Earl was shopping for groceries at the time.

Firefighters arrived shortly after 9:30 p.m. Saturday to find the storefront unit engulfed in flames. They battled their way to the rear bedrooms to pull Peter Williams out to the sidewalk. Attempts to resuscitate him were unsuccessful.

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News in brief

MISSING Police have no leads in the search for a missing Barrie teen, despite an air and ground search last weekend. Brandon Crisp, 15, was last seen on Oct. 13 at 3 p.m. when he left his Hickling Trail home after fighting with his parents. Steve Crisp says his son was losing sleep because he spent so much time playing a World War II-themed shooting game. Brandon sought directions to Oro-Medonte where friends lived. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Food bank falls short
The Daily Bread Food Bank will come up $150,000 short of its $500,000 Thanksgiving drive goal, executive director Gail Nyberg said yesterday. Donors gave less money this year, but the food bank looks likely to reach its goal of 500,000 pounds of food, she said. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Radio City Rockette dies

Toronto dancer also produced TV shows

Jeanette Heller, the world's oldest Radio City Rockette, died last Thursday at St. Michael's Hospital at the age of 97.

"She had a colourful life and will be missed," said Patty Gail, the administrative supporting cast of Toronto's Performing Arts Lodges, where Heller lived for the last seven years.

"Doctors said she was suddenly in kidney failure," said her only surviving sibling, Mickey Heller, 86. "She was hospitalized (two weeks ago)."

She had been in good health prior to her hospitalization.

Heller's funeral was held last Thursday afternoon at Dawes Road Cemetery, where friends and family shared handshakes, hugs and tears.

She was born in Paris, Ont., and began her career as a Roxyette, the precursor to S.L. (Roxy) Rothafel's Rockettes at the Radio City Music Hall soon after she moved to New York City in early 1930s.

The only girl of seven children, Heller grew up dreaming of becoming a dancer. Standing only five foot four, short for a dancer, her dream eventually came true, and she became a line-dancing beauty in one of the most renowned shows in showbiz.

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Jeanette Heller

Radio City Music Hall has been open for more than six decades and is the largest indoor theatre in the world.

After 11 years of stage performances, Heller returned to Toronto for three years to take care of her mother while her brothers were fighting in the Second World War.

But Toronto didn't welcome Heller as warmly as a Rockette as New York did, so she returned to New York.

She also produced Guys and Dolls and The King and I, as well as television shows such as All My Children and One Life to Live.

Heller left the Radio City stage in 1975 when she was 64, and returned to Canada. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

New trial ordered in 'sexsomnia' case

The Court of Appeal has overturned the acquittal of a man who had non-consensual sex with a stranger because he was asleep and suffering from "sexsomnia."

A three-judge panel ordered a new sex assault trial for landscaper Jan Luedecke but stipulated that it should focus solely on whether he is not guilty or "not criminally responsible" on account of having a mental disorder.

"If the evidence is substantially the same as it was at the first trial, a (not criminally responsible by reason of mental disorder) verdict is the only reasonable verdict," Justice David Doherty wrote in a decision released yesterday.

In November 2005, a provincial court judge found Luedecke not guilty of sexually assaulting a woman who fell asleep at a party in Toronto's Beach area.

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News in brief

ARRESTED Eight people were ordered out of a stretch limo at police gunpoint early yesterday after gunplay in the entertainment district. Police said a man left Inside nightclub, at Queen Street West and University Avenue, fired a gun in the parking lot outside the club and jumped into the SUV limo. Police performed a high-risk takedown and a gun was recovered. No one was injured, but bullets hit two vehicles. Police arrested three men and five women and charged them with unauthorized presence of a firearm in a motor vehicle. The alleged shooter has been identified as Dwayne Gordon, 21, of Mississauga, who is charged with possession of a dangerous weapon and discharge of an unauthorized firearm.

CORRECTION A woman was misidentified on The Hot Ticket page in Friday's edition for the Marigold Gala for the South Asian Friends of SOS Children's Villages Canada. Gala sponsor Sushma Kilachand is pictured. Metro regrets the error.

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Elderly pilot survives crash

An 82-year-old pilot is counting his blessings after his small plane lost power outside of Winnipeg, clipped a hydro line and then crashed high up into a tree. The man remained inside the wreckage for almost two hours. THE CANADIAN PRESS

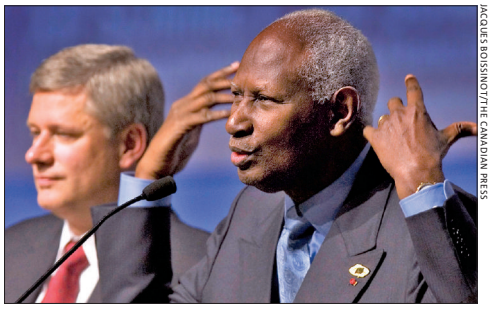
Canada

"We're on track for a modest surplus in this fiscal year."

Finance Minister Jim Flaherty

Looking good

Finance Minister Jim Flaherty said yesterday he's confident that Ottawa won't slip into the red this year, but refused to speculate on the long-term outlook. THE CANADIAN PRESS



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Abdou Diouf, secretary general of la Francophonie, responds to media questions at the 2008 Francophone Summit yesterday.

Harper promises $100M for poorer nations and climate

ENVIRONMENT Despite criticism that his government hasn't done enough to deal with climate change here in Canada, Prime Minister Stephen Harper yesterday announced $100 million to help poor countries deal with the pressing environmental issue.

The money will be distributed this fiscal year, primarily through international development organizations, Harper announced during the closing press conference of the summit of la Francophonie, a meeting of 55 French-speaking countries which finished in Quebec City yesterday.

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Decision time for Dion

GTA MP John McCallum is the Liberal caucus' first choice to take over the party as interim leader if Stéphane Dion announces today that he is going to immediately return to the House of Commons' backbenches.

Dion is going to reveal his decision to relinquish the Liberal leadership at a 2 p.m. press conference, and Liberal sources say the shell-shocked leader spent the weekend in seclusion with his family in Quebec trying to decide the timing of his leave-taking.

He could announce that he will hand over the leadership now to an interim leader, who would be in charge until a new head of the party can be chosen.

Or Dion could ask the party to allow him to stay on himself as interim leader until a leadership convention.

The convention would most likely be held in the spring.

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A new leader?

- John McCallum, the former chief economist at the Royal Bank, is the current MP for Markham-Unionville.
- He was first elected to the House of Commons in 2000,
- McCallum has served as minister of national defence, veterans affairs and national revenue within previous Liberal governments.

Biker crimes spark fear of Quebec gang war

SUSPICION A string of biker-related crimes in Quebec in the past week are bringing back painful memories for Quebecers of the biker wars of the 1990s.

On Saturday night, a tanker truck slammed into the Hells Angels' bunker in the Quebec town of Sorel.

Two other suspicious fires burned in the town the same night.

Last week, about 1,000 kilograms of explosives were reported stolen from the St. Lawrence region.

On Oct. 17, 200 kilograms of explosives were found in a Montreal apartment a block away from Quebec provincial police headquarters.

Police allege the three men arrested were involved in biker gangs.

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RCMP search for clues in series of B.C. gas explosions

ATTACKS RCMP investigators were looking for more information yesterday about a truck spotted near the scene of an explosion along a sour gas pipeline in northern B.C., as they continued to investigate a pair of attacks that have shaken local residents.

Explosions damaged two pipelines near Dawson Creek following a threatening letter to local media about the oil and gas industry. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Immigration

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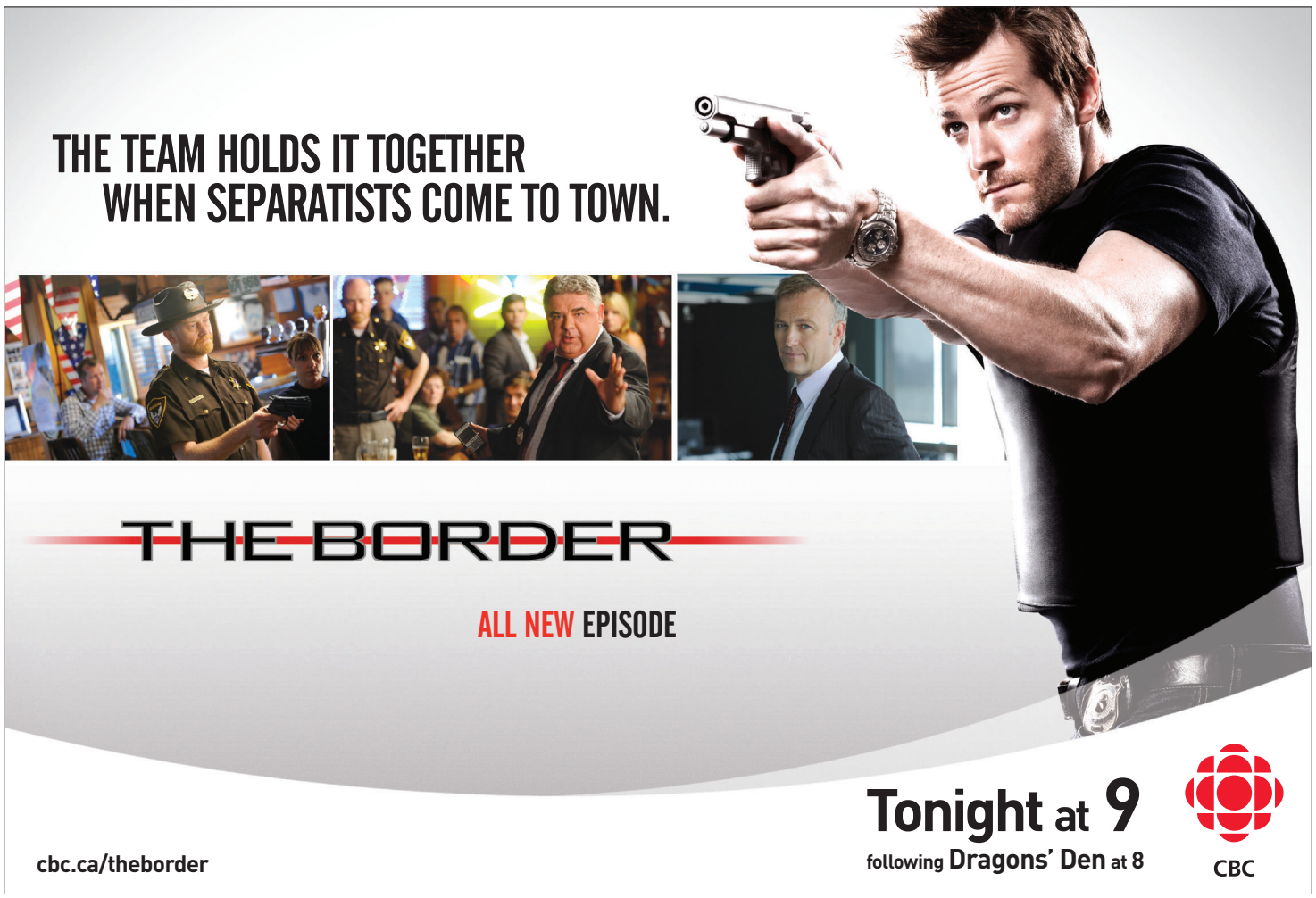

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Thoughts to make you think

HineSight

Anne Hines

Today, I'd like to share some wise words by other writers. I do this in hope that it will broaden our horizons, introduce us to new ways of seeing the world, and get me out of having to come up with any material of my own.

Here are, "Thoughts That Just Make You Think." 1. From James Fitz-James Stephen who is most famous for reputedly having said, "Two million names in the universe and my parents had to use the same one twice."

He also said, "Originality does not consist of saying what no one has ever said before, but in saying exactly what you yourself think." I wish I'd said that.

I want to be special, just the same as everyone else. Individuality is prized in our world. Unless it means dressing or acting differently than other people.

What I want is to be unique and individual but not stand out in any way that gets me left out of conversations in the staff lunch room. Something like that. 2. A deeply insightful quote from Henry David Thoreau. "Let us spend one day in peace, not upset and overwhelmed in the rapid whirlpool of life. If the engine whistles, let it whistle. If the bell rings, why should we run?" This is so true. Really, who isn't able if they choose to take a few moments and step outside the busyness of life, allowing our minds to simply… hold on, my cell phone's ringing, I should just answer this…

What I want is to be unique and individual but not stand out in any way that gets me left out of conversations in the staff lunch room.

3. From Lady Astor. "I used to dread getting older because I thought I would not be able to do all the things I wanted to do. But now that I am older, I find I don't want to do them anyway." I never know if I find this comforting or depressing. 4. Marie Osmond. Seriously. She said, "If you're going to be able to look back on something and laugh about it, you might as well laugh about it now."

These are wise and helpful words to remember if you're, say, prone to being anxious or taking life too seriously or perhaps if you're, I don't know, let's say my partner, Liz, whose brand new Italian leather jacket I accidentally got ink on yesterday.

All words to live by. Or at least to puzzle over – which is likely the best we can do. You can quote me on that.

Anne Hines is an author and humour writer. She has written three novels and one collection of nonfiction humour.

MICHAEL DE ADDER

Word on the street: Would you be more likely to vote in federal elections if you could do it online?

Gabriella Kruning
age 69,
Downsview, Toronto

A: No, because I don't have a computer. I don't know how to use a computer.

Stavros Charitonos
age 61,
Don Mills, Toronto

A: I voted anyway, but I think I will for sure vote if it's online. It's a little easier.

Virginia Brown
age 25,
Pickering

A: No. They have polls everywhere, so it's not like it's very far to go from home. It was two minutes away, so it's not too difficult.

Tracy Huskilson
age 21,
Halifax

A: Yes. Not having to wait in line to get to the poll would be great. There was a huge lineup when I went.

Jeffrey King
age 41,
Ottawa

A: I just don't think there is a way that you could satisfy all the criteria that could make it valid, in terms of identifying people.

Chris Spicer
age 20,
Vancouver

A: I voted but would switch to electronically because it's more convenient. I think it would result in more youth voting.

18 arrested in Belgian people-smuggling ring

Belgian authorities say 18 people have been arrested after a series of police raids smashed an alleged people-smuggling ring in Brussels. Police found more than 200 illegal immigrants Saturday in safehouses throughout the Belgian capital. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

World

Sarkozy's bank account hacked

The French Cabinet's spokesman says "swindlers" have broken into the personal bank account of President Nicolas Sarkozy. Weekly Journal du Dimanche reported yesterday that thieves seized Sarkozy's bank account information and swiped small sums of money. The newspaper said Sarkozy reported the theft last month and that those responsible haven't been found. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Obama raises $150 million

Barack Obama raised more than $150 million US in September, a stunning and unprecedented eruption of political giving that has given him a wide spending advantage over rival John McCain.

The Democrat's campaign released the figure yesterday, one day before it must file a detailed report of its monthly finances with the Federal Election Commission.

Obama's money is fuelling a vast campaign operation in an expanding field of competitive states. It also has underwritten a wave of both national and targeted video advertising unseen before in a presidential contest.

System limits

- Barack Obama's numbers are possible because he opted out of the public financing system for the fall campaign. John McCain chose to participate in the system, which limits him to $84 million for the September-October stretch.

Campaign manager David Plouffe, in an e-mail to supporters yesterday morning, said the campaign had added 632,000 new donors in September, for a total of 3.1 million contributors to the campaign. He said the average donation was $86.

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Paris Marching for education

FRANCOIS MORI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A young woman shouts slogans as tens of thousands of demonstrators march across Paris yesterday to denounce 11,200 job cuts this school year from the national education system and plans to reduce another 13,500 next year.

Taliban kill around 30 after stopping bus on highway

AFGHANISTAN Taliban militants stopped a bus travelling on Afghanistan's main highway through a dangerous part of the country's south, seized about 50 people on board and killed around 30 of them, officials said yesterday.

A Taliban spokesman took responsibility for the attack but claimed to have killed 27 Afghan army soldiers.

Afghan officials said no soldiers were aboard and that all the victims were civilians.

Militants stopped the bus travelling in a two-bus convoy in a Taliban-controlled area 65 kilometres west of Kandahar, said provincial police Chief Matiullah Khan.

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Al Qaeda websites still down

INTERNET The main websites that normally carry messages from the al Qaeda terror group remain inoperable more than a month after they went down just ahead of the seventh anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks.

Only a site called Hesbah and a new one named Falouja function fitfully at this point.

Al-Fajr Media Center, the group's communications wing, has blamed the problems on "technical reasons" but denied that the sites had come under some kind of cyber-attack, as has been speculated in the media.

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Dutch government to invest in bank ING
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Business

Bush eyes crisis summit

U.S. President George W. Bush said Saturday he will host an international summit in response to the global financial crisis. However, he also said any reform of financial systems must not chip away at the foundations of democratic capitalism and free enterprise. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Bank could cut rates

Economists expecting quarter point drop

Businesses and consumers should get a good dose of positive news from the Bank of Canada this week, with another round of cuts to its key overnight rate expected to help them deal with rapidly slowing global economies.

Economists are looking for a cut of at least a quarter point to 2.25 per cent.

But the central bank could move rates down as much as half a point, which would be an extraordinary move considering it already joined other central banks in cutting key rates by a half point on Oct. 8 in an attempt to thaw frozen credit markets.

> **"Consumer sentiment is getting hit pretty hard."**
> John Johnston

"Consumer sentiment is getting hit pretty hard, auto sales have been hit really hard and manufacturing activity has slowed," said John Johnston, chief strategist at The Harbour Group at RBC Dominion Securities. "(There's) clear acceleration to the downside, consistent with the fact that the ability to borrow has disappeared for many — and the ability to finance is gone."

Some analysts say it is just possible the Bank of Canada will do nothing tomorrow, worried that the sharp drop in the value of the Canadian dollar — down around nine U.S. cents since the beginning of the month — could force inflation higher.

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Companies brace for rocky quarter

CRISIS The third-quarter earnings season, which officially wrapped up Sept. 30, will provide the first glimpse into how deeply Canadian companies have been affected by the economic slowdown in worldwide markets.

However, don't expect a steep decline in results but rather a preview of potential financial troubles to come, analysts say.

"The major earthquake in financial markets took place in the middle of September," BMO deputy chief economist Doug Porter said.

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Business in brief

OPEC A crude oil production cut of even one million barrels per day at OPEC's upcoming emergency meeting is unlikely to reverse slumping prices in the short term, analysts said Sunday, amid mounting calls by several cartel members to take action to keep prices at the $80 per barrel level. The cartel's meeting, moved up to mid-November, was pushed to Friday as the oil fell below $70 a barrel. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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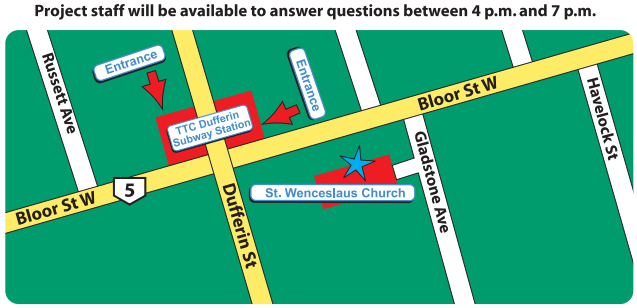

Sid hits two benchmarks

Sidney Crosby surpassed the 100-goal, 200-assist and 300-point plateaus in a one-goal, three-assist outing on Saturday in the Pittsburgh Penguins' 4-1 win over the Leafs. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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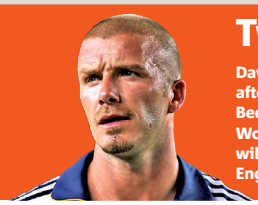

Two new gigs for Beckham

David Beckham will train with AC Milan beginning in January to stay in shape after the MLS season ends, Italian newspaper La Gazzetta dello Sport reported. Beckham wants to remain fit so that he can be called up to play in England's World Cup qualifying matches. It was also announced Sunday that Beckham will serve as the vice-president of the bid to bring the 2018 World Cup to England. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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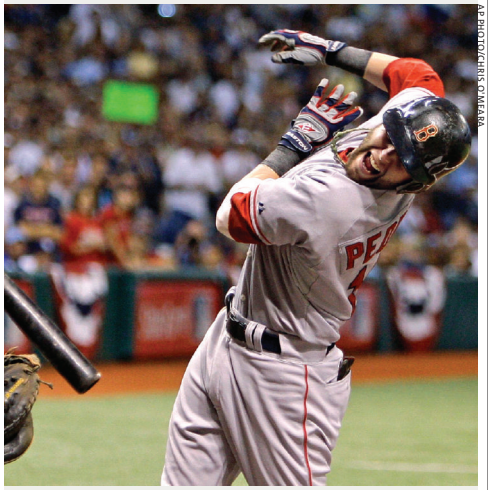

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Boston's Dustin Pedroia reacts after being hit by a pitch by Tampa Bay Rays starting pitcher Matt Garza during the third inning of Game 7 of the American League Championship Series last night. The winner advanced to the World Series against Philadelphia. For a full game report, check out www.metronews.ca

Power outage doesn't stop Bills

Bills 23, Chargers 14

NFL After the power went out at Ralph Wilson Stadium, Trent Edwards and Kawika Mitchell provided all the electricity the Buffalo Bills needed against the San Diego Chargers. Edwards went 25-of-30 for 261 yards and a touchdown, and Mitchell intercepted a pass from Philip Rivers at the goal line to thwart a potential go-ahead score midway through the fourth quarter to secure a 23-14 win Sunday. The electricity initially went out about a half-hour before the game after three balloons became entangled in power lines across the street from the stadium.

Power was restored about 10 minutes before the game. It lasted for about 10 minutes, and went out early in the first quarter shortly after the Chargers' opening possession. Play resumed after a 15-minute break, and continued while the power was out for about 45 minutes. CBS was unable to broadcast the game while the power was out, leaving fans on two ends of the continent watching other games.

AP PHOTO/DAVID DURBERY

The Buffalo Bills' Kawika Mitchell forces a fumble on Chargers quarterback Philip Rivers during the Bills 23-14 victory Sunday.

RAMS 34, COWBOYS 14

Even on the road, the chorus of "Romo!, Romo!" from Dallas Cowboys' fans was easily audible at the start of the second half.

But they were stuck with Brad Johnson, who couldn't keep up with a suddenly potent St. Louis offence, throwing three interceptions. Steven Jackson ran for 160 yards on 25 carries with three touchdowns and the Rams (2-4) looked like contenders for the second straight game under new coach Jim Haslett in a surprisingly easy 34-14 victory.

PANTHERS 30, SAINTS 7

Saints RB Reggie Bush injured his left knee on a punt return in the first half of the Saints' 30-7 loss in Carolina and will not travel to London for the Saints game against San Diego in Wembley Stadium next week.

Elsewhere in the NFL it was Chicago 48, Minnesota 41; Tennessee 34, Kansas City 10; Green Bay 34, Indianapolis 14; New York Giants 29, San Francisco 17; and Oakland 16, New York Jets 13. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Chamberlain apologizes for arrest

New York Yankees pitcher Joba Chamberlain, right, apologized for "an error in judgment" yesterday. He was arrested early Saturday in Nebraska on suspicion of driving under the influence, speeding and having an open container of alcohol in his vehicle. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Fletcher not afraid to shake things up

His team is having trouble scoring and hasn't won since the season opener, but Maple Leafs general manager Cliff Fletcher isn't worried.

"The key for us is patience," Fletcher said yesterday. "Our work ethic has been very good. We're starting to do a better job killing penalties. We're one shootout goal away from being a .500 team.

"We're going to get a little better every month. By the end of the year, we're going to have a real good team to build on."

While the Leafs work on their hockey skills, Fletcher will be putting his managing skills to the test. The league's GMs meet at the end of the week in Chicago, and Trader Cliff anticipates the seeds of future deals will be planted.

"We'll see what people are thinking," he said. "It's very early. It's going to take another 10 or 15 games before some teams want to do something."

For his part, Fletcher has some extra defencemen at his disposal.

Fletcher

With Jeff Finger (foot) on the mend, the Leafs boast nine defenders and will be forced into a roster move when Finger returns. The team — scoring at a rate of just 1.8 goals a game — could use help at forward.

"We know we have to improve our hockey club, so we're open to a lot of things," said Fletcher.

Fletcher said his phone line is always open if a fellow GM is looking for a trade.

He said he's mostly interested in blue-chip prospects and is not afraid to part with draft picks.

"Draft picks are assets, like anything else," said Fletcher. "To trade a draft pick for a young player, if you think the young player is a good player, then it's a good idea."

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Another season, another fresh slate for Graham

NBA Few Raptors have been as confounding or perplexing as Joey Graham, he of the athletic gifts many NBA players would die for. He of an inconsistent nature that drives coaches and teammates to near apoplexy.

But this is a new season, a year of new chances and Graham once again finds himself in position to win a significant Raptors role.

Graham, entering his fourth year in the NBA, gets a clean slate because coach Sam Mitchell knows he'll need him to at least be productive, if not outstanding at times this season.

And when it comes to the past and Graham, the coach has a selective memory.

"Where I am with Joey is I still have some great memories when Garbo went down (in 2007) and how Joey played those last 16 games that really helped us win the Atlantic and get in to the playoffs," Mitchell said before the game, referring to a serious leg injury suffered by former Raptor Jorge Garbajosa.

"Joey's been up and down, but every year when I come into the season, I don't think about what a player did last year because it means nothing. Every guy has a clean slate and every guy has a fresh opportunity. Hopefully he plays well and just builds on it and his confidence gets better. We need Joey."

The Raptors need Graham because there is a growing dissatisfaction in some parts of the franchise with Jamario Moon, who has shown his leaping, defending and rebounding abilities only sporadically during the pre-season. "My message to all the guys is ... no spots have been determined," says Mitchell.

"No playing time has been determined, no rotation has been determined."

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We are all animals

When mammals are threatened, we are threatened

ScienceMatters

David Suzuki & Dr. Faisal Moola

We humans sometimes forget that we are animals. We're mammals, and like all mammals, and indeed all animals, we are connected to and dependent on the web of life. When part of that web is in danger, we are all in danger.

And our mammal cousins are in danger. According to the International Union for Conservation of Nature, one quarter of the world's 5,487 known mammalian species face extinction in 30 years if we don't act now to protect them.

The causes of this biological crisis include habitat loss and damage, introduction of invasive species, pollution, harvesting, and climate change. Because many mammals are large (elephants, hippos, rhinos), exhibit extraordinary intelligence (chimps and gorillas), or have a ferocious nature (lions, tigers, and bears), we have often assumed that they are somewhat resilient to human impacts. This couldn't be further from the truth.

Scientists now believe that the biology of many mammals contributes to their vulnerability. For example, polar bears and grizzlies are particularly susceptible to decline because they require a lot of food for energy, they are large, and they reproduce infrequently and have few offspring when they do reproduce. Human impacts such as unsustainable hunting or habitat destruction put more pressure on the ability of these species to survive.

There is some good news, though. The IUCN assessment showed that "concerted conservation efforts" can bring mammals back from the brink. For example, by reintroducing the black-footed ferret into eight western U.S. states and Mexico, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service managed to move the animal from the list of animals that were extinct in the wild to the endangered list.

But who cares about the black-footed ferret, or the wild horse, or the African elephant? We humans are not in danger of extinction, are we? As the top predator on the planet, our survival and well-being depend on the health and well-being of all life that supports us.

Even if we look just at the short term, we see that it's in our best interest to protect our fellow animals. As Dr. Jane Smart, head of the IUCN's species program, points out: "The longer we wait, the more expensive it will be to prevent future extinctions. We now know what species are threatened, what the threats are and where – we have no more excuses to watch from the sidelines."

The rapidity and scale of response to failing financial institutions shows that we are capable of action when we perceive danger. Well, the extinction crisis on the planet imperils our very survival.

In Canada, we've seen some recent progress in the area of habitat protection. The federal government announced that it will protect 10.1 million hectares of boreal forest in the Northwest Territories, and the Ontario government announced that it will protect 50 per cent of its intact northern boreal forest.

We have to make some big changes in the way we do things on this finite planet. We can't just keep destroying habitat, polluting water and air, and killing fish and other animals faster than they can reproduce. And because we are all connected to this fragile web, we need to protect animals and their habitat not just for their sake, but for our own as well.

Take David Suzuki's Nature Challenge and learn more at www.davidsuzuki.org.

Dr. David T. Suzuki is a Vancouver-based award-winning scientist, environmentalist and broadcaster.

Waste Reduction Week

Trim your trash, Canadians told

Canadians are saying it's time to clean up our act.

From Oct. 19-25, communities across the country will participate in Waste Reduction Week, an educational campaign devoted to raising awareness about how much garbage Canada produces and how much progress Canadians have made. Events from Vancouver to St. John's will highlight the importance of recycling and ways to curb what we leave at the curb. Oscar the Grouch, Sesame Street's resident trash collector, will play the role of spokesmuppet for the 8th annual campaign, doing two public service announcements and appearances in which he'll explain how to reduce, reuse and recycle.

It's an issue Canadians need to brush up on, says Jo-Anne St. Godard, executive director of the Recycling Council of Ontario, which is partnering with other provincial and territorial recycling councils to promote the campaign. She says Canadians are one of the biggest waste generators in the developed world, and we're not paying enough attention to how much ends up in our landfills.

"In Ontario, for instance, 20 per cent of our waste gets recycled, when 50 per cent could be recycled," she said. "We need to try our best to reuse the resources that we have. The more we do that, the less need we'll have to seek out virgin materials."

There are easy ways to trim your trash outtake as well, notes St. Godard. Bring a reusable coffee mug to your local java joint instead of taking it in a paper cup, participate in your municipalities' recycling program, and don't use as many plastic bags.

Manufacturers and companies are some of the most notorious culprits, she adds, saying that they can offset the amount of garbage saved through a collective effort. But Canadians can solve that problem if they speak loudly enough.

"The majority of landfill comes from business, and we've got a long way to go," she said. "But there's a new trend with consumer demand. We can send a strong signal to companies with what we choose to buy or not buy."

For more information, visit http://www.wrwcanada.com/index.htm.

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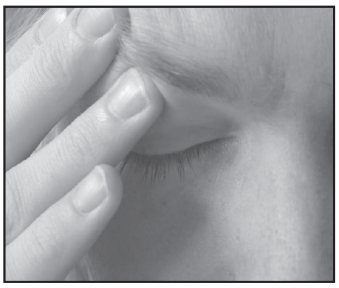

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Student groups call tuition disparity in Canada 'unfair'

Student organizations expressed frustration over the difference in tuition rates across Canada, as highlighted in a Statistics Canada report. CASA and the Ontario Undergraduate Student Alliance worry the 3.6-per cent jump in tuition would pose a threat to students who already have trouble affording post-secondary education. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Workology

Market woes

Scholarships, student aid and research funding at the University of Ottawa could be reduced if North American stock markets continue to fall, affecting the school's endowment fund. UOttawa expects to have at least a 10-per cent loss this year. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Student group aims to impact entrepreneurs

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Gaurav Jain, left, demonstrates Polar Mobile's Smart Solution application to Simon Wong, 20, communications adviser for Impact Entrepreneurship Group and third-year business student at York University.

Gaurav Jain is only 23 and already vice-president of business development for a cutting-edge mobile solutions company.

How did he get to be so successful at such a young age?

Jain and his classmate Kunal Gupta hatched the idea of Polar Mobile last year while still cramming for exams and completing work placements at the University of Waterloo.

The idea became a reality in February when Canada's largest publisher — Rogers Publishing Limited — bought in to Smart Solution, an application they built that delivers content to consumers who use mobile devices such as the Blackberry and Apple's iPhone.

But years before Polar Mobile was even on their radar, the two software-engineering students came up with an equally ambitious idea: A non-profit, student-led organization promoting entrepreneurship among Canadian youth.

"It's your typical dorm story where we talked about it in our dorm room," Jain says with a grin from Polar Mobile's brand-new loft-style office space on Front Street.

He said they owe all of their success to Impact Entrepreneurship Group, which they founded and poured their hearts and free time into during the four-and-a-half years they spent as undergrads.

From there, Impact blossomed into what it is today: A 120-member strong, student-run organization with chapters across the country.

Gupta, who is Polar's president and CEO, was in New York on business at the time of this interview but Jain says Polar Mobile is a direct result of the skills they acquired through Impact.

And though they've passed on the reins to student successors, they hope to encourage even more young entrepreneurs to follow their dreams.

"The world's your oyster; you can make it as big as you want and it's all up to you," Jain said.

Ray Cao, Impact's current 22-year-old president and fourth-year systems-design engineering student at the University of Waterloo, says at the college and university level, there's a lack of education about resources available for young entrepreneurs.

"The biggest hurdle people find is they've got a great idea but they don't know how to make it happen," he said in a phone interview from Waterloo.

Team members at Impact — who are hand-selected and some of the country's top young minds — help other students realize their potential by encouraging them to step outside their comfort zone and make something happen, he said.

As the organization's website states, entrepreneurship has a broader meaning than its commonly accepted definition.

It's a mindset toward life that can help "achieve any dream, no matter what it is" as long as the dreamer possesses three key qualities: Ambition, passion and determination.

Conference

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Cirque du Soleil meets pizza

Humble beginnings for slab spinner extraordinaire

OddJobs

Diane Peters

Five years ago, Juan Hermosillo, a cook in a California restaurant, saw a fellow employee spinning pizza dough, doing fancy moves and making it dance through the air.

"I'd never seen anything like that," recalls Hermosillo, who had gotten into the restaurant business to make enough money for vet school.

When his boss opened up a new restaurant, Hermosillo talked him into letting him make pizzas — he had to be convinced, as Hermosillo was a pretty good cook and was needed in the regular kitchen.

At the new job, Hermosillo started practising his spins. At first, he was rotten at it, and frequently burned himself on the nearby oven and dropped the dough, ruining it. His coworkers were often annoyed. Keeping in mind the acrobatics moves of Cirque du Soleil performers and great jugglers, he forged on with extra practice at home with a wet towel.

Eventually, he mastered the basics. Customers started watching him and his managers suddenly had only praise. "Everything just changed once I got good at it," he says. His boss suggested he go out for a pizza-spinning competition he'd seen advertised in a trade magazine. Hermosillo got second place — just seven months after starting to spin.

Juan Hermosillo demonstrating his pizza-spinning moves.

He kept attending competitions. In 2004, he beat the reigning world champion. In 2006, he competed with the U.S. team at the World Pizza Championships in Italy and came in fourth.

Not only does Hermosillo make the dough do gravity-defying spins, but he incorporates juggling (using two pieces of dough at once), breakdancing and acrobatics into his routines.

Eventually, he left his job and made his living spinning pizzas in competitions and as a performer. He ended up living and working in Montreal, and in 2007 got hired by Pizza Pizza in Toronto, where he now works as a spokesperson, performer and trainer.

To stay in shape and keep his spinning skills sharp, Hermosillo practises for as many as five hours a day — usually using rubber pizza dough — particularly when he's developing a new move, which can take months to perfect. He sometimes uses a personal trainer to help with gymnastic-like moves, like backflips. When he travels he makes use of hotel gyms, and at home he's turned his living room into a spinning studio.

Now 28, Hermosillo no longer thinks about vet school. Spinning pizza, making pizza (his family's restaurant in California features a Mexican-style steak pizza he invented that's very popular) and promoting spinning is a career he thinks he'd like to stick with for a while. "It's funny how far I've come with spinning pizza dough."

Diane Peters once hawked magic pens at the Canadian National Exhibition. She's now a writer and part-time journalism instructor.

The Lowdown

Job title: Pizza Spinner
Salary: $40,000 and up
Education/training: Making pizza in a restaurant and practising spinning whenever you can
Best Part of the Job: "I really love it when people cheer me on. I come from a humble place, I was born in Mexico City, and I'm always amazed when people ask for my autograph."
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University of Saskatchewan releases crisis-response report

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Who wants to be boss?

As the presidential candidates campaign for the role of commander-in-chief, a new survey shows the average worker is decidedly less enthusiastic about taking the lead.

More than three-quarters (77 per cent) of employees polled said they have no desire to fill their manager's shoes. In addition, six in 10 (60 per cent) said they could not do a better job than their boss.

The OfficeTeam survey asked workers who have a boss, "Would you like to have your manager's job?"

These respondents also were asked, "Do you think you could do a better job than your boss?"

The survey also revealed demographic differences among respondents:

- In general, workers 18 to 34 years showed the most interest in their manager's position (32 per cent) and were more likely to believe they could do a better job (43 per cent).
- Men were more inclined than women to want their manager's job: 32 per cent versus 10 per cent.
- Likewise, slightly more male workers thought they could do a better job than their boss (38 per cent) compared to women (30 per cent).

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According to Statistics Canada, there are more than 70 small businesses for every 1,000 people across the country. **NEWS CANADA**

Small Business

Software saves time

Accounting software can print cheques, create invoices, track expenses and set due-date reminders to keep track of money coming in and out. A survey of small business owners showed 80 per cent of users save 10 hours a month by using software. **NEWS CANADA**

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Maternity leave 'non-existent' for owners

Tricia Mumby, 35, one of four co-owners of Hamilton-based Mabel's Labels (mabel.ca), fit her maternity leave into exactly 10 days — the time between when she gave birth, and when one of her other co-partners did. "I got the call — she had her baby, and my mat leave was over!"

Welcome to the world of the "non-existent" maternity leave for small business owners, who aren't eligible for benefits themselves, and can't often take leave, since they can neither afford to be without their own salary or let the business slide. However, they're obliged to work around staff leaves and keep their jobs open for their return, no matter how key those positions are to the company's success.

Lee-Anne Arkell, founder of Peekaboo Child Care Centres (peekabookid.com), which has 17 owner-operated and franchised facilities in southern Ontario, knows the challenges of losing staff to maternity leave.

Arkell founded the operation in 1999 because she had difficulty finding childcare so she could return to her job at Honeywell after her first child was born in 1997.

She now employs more than 500 people, 90 per cent of whom are under 30. All but five are female.

Arkell, who had her second child after she founded the company — "I had her on a Saturday and went back to work on the Tuesday," she says — is feeling the stress of maternity leaves, mostly in her management team.

Small business owners aren't eligible for income replacement benefits while on maternity leave, so they return to work almost immediately after the birth of their child.

"Knowing in the future we would have managers on leave, and knowing it would only get worse," the company created assistant supervisor positions at every centre, Arkell said.

"We do a lot of training so they're ready to take over for the year while my supervisors are on mat leave."

And because so many staff aren't ready to come back after one year, Peekaboo will hold their jobs for a second year, to encourage them to come back when they're ready, rather than to go somewhere else down the road. Otherwise, all the "work you've put into training staff is gone," says Arkell.

That said, small business owners could benefit from government programming to assist in staff training, she says. "There's nothing to help people get training for management staff."

Government assistance for small businesses whose staff are on maternity, sick, or elder care leave is something the Canadian Federation of Independent Business has been demanding for years, says the group's president, Catherine Swift.

"Everyone supports people being able to take care of their babies, but can't you give some relief somewhere else?" she says she's asked Ottawa.

"Help them bring someone else in for a year, or give them a holiday on paying Employment Insurance premiums. Show an olive branch," she's urged.

"So far," she says, "there's been nothing, of course."

The biggest challenge small businesses have around maternity leave, she says, is that they have fewer staff to fill in when others are on leave.

Women who are operating small businesses, like Mumby and Arkell, aren't eligible, Swift notes.

"There's no such thing as a mat leave when it's a small business and you're so involved in management," says Mumby.

"A small business is another baby," she says. "You don't want to miss its first years any more than your child's." **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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Foreign films fight for Oscar

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Entertainment

Space Odyssey

Brad Pitt is set to star in a new adaptation of Homer's The Odyssey — set in outer space. The Odyssey follows the story of Odysseus and his return to Ithaca following the end of the Trojan War. IMDB.COM

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The joke's on Canada

Just For Laughs kicks off cross-country comedy tour

RAFAEL BRUSILOW
for Metro Canada

If too much laughter could kill, the Just For Laughs Comedy Tour would probably get banned. Luckily, the only danger at this year's JFL cross-Canada tour will likely be a lost voice and welts on your palms from laughing and clapping too hard.

As the world's largest comedy festival, Just For Laughs Festival is a melting pot of some of the hottest and most bankable comedians in the world. Since the yearly festival happens only in Montreal and tickets tend to sell out quickly, the JFL Comedy Tour lets people across the country get a dose of quality comedy in their own neck of the woods. This year's tour features Saturday Night Live regular Finesse Mitchell, Canadian storytelling comic Pete Zedlacher, acerbic Indian-Scottish comedian Danny Bhoy, quirky musical satirist David O'Doherty and top U.K. comedian Hal Cruttenden. The tour starts in Saint John, N.B., today and heads across the country to end in Victoria, B.C., on Nov. 15, stopping by Toronto for two shows on Oct. 30.

GETTY IMAGES FILE PHOTO

Saturday Night Live regular Finesse Mitchell is one of the comedians set to hit the stage on the Just For Laughs cross-Canada tour.

Zedlacher, 36, is known for his "Canadiana" brand of comedy and is no slouch when it comes to owning the stage. A 10-year veteran of the stand-up circuit, Zedlacher has performed four times at the JFL Festival and appeared on TV shows like Little Mosque on the Prairie and Degrassi: The Next Generation, and was also the winner of the 2006 Canadian Comedy Award for Best Male Stand-up. As one of the five comedians on this year's JFL tour, Zedlacher's appearance is no small honour to the bread-and-butter Canuck, who admits he's not afraid to get rough if the jokes warrant it.

"I never tie my hands back — if something's dirty and it's funny, I'll do it," Zedlacher said.

Despite his years in the business, Zedlacher says he still finds excitement in being on stage.

"I still literally get butterflies in my stomach before my name is called on stage, and I still love the challenge of writing and performing a new joke," he said.

Theatre on the edge

JIM REYNO
for Metro Canada

Think theatre, minus the bombast and big budget. Think theatre on the Edges.

"It seems like Edges is the perfect name for this show," actress Sara Farb said about Acting Up Stage Theatre Co.'s production of Edges: A Song Cycle. "It's on the perimeter of formal theatre … It takes the intimidation and the formality out of it."

The theatre company will perform the critically acclaimed Edges at Revival on College Street. The production is minimal and the mood is relaxed as the Acting Up Stage hopes to rejuvenate the cabaret-style theatre that flourished in the city in the 1970s.

"It was so successful at the time; it was totally washed over for big-budget, full-blown shows," said Mitchell Marcus, Acting Up Stage's artistic producer. "And I thought that doing this show in this way in a licensed venue, stripping it to its bare bones and treating it in a simple storytelling might be a neat way to revive that concept for a younger generation."

Edges was written by Disney TV writers Benj Pasek and Justin Paul. The duo won the Jonathan Larson Award last year at age 21 — the youngest winners in the history of the foundation, which provides grants to artists in memory of the Rent composer.

The show is a thematically linked song cycle about entering the age of responsibility.

"It mainly lies in the decade between 20 and 30, but that's not to say anybody in another part of their life wouldn't relate — it's yet to come, or it has happened," said Farb, who brought Edges to Marcus's attention when she staged it briefly last year.

"When I saw it stripped down to its bare bones with just four people sitting on stools singing this material, I thought, if we could find a way to recreate this — that would be a really cool, different show."

if you go …

- **WHAT:** Acting Up Stage Theatre Co. presents Edges: A Song Cycle (directed by Evan Tsitsias)
- **WHERE:** Revival, 783 College St., Oct. 20 to Nov. 10 (Sundays 7 p.m., Mondays 8 p.m.)
- **TICKETS:** $25 adults, $15 students, arts workers
- **INFO:** edgestoronto.com

Box office

Estimated ticket sales at U.S. and Canadian theatres:

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2. **Beverly Hills Chihuahua:** $11.2 million
3. **The Secret Life of Bees:** $11.1 million
4. **W.:** $10.6 million
5. **Eagle Eye:** $7.3 million
6. **Body Of Lies:** $6.9 million
7. **Quarantine:** $6.3 million
8. **Nick and Norah's Infinite Playlist:** $3.9 million
9. **Sex Drive:** $3.6 million
10. **Nights in Rodanthe:** $2.7 million

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Noel says no

Rocker Noel Gallagher, right, has dismissed rumours his band are preparing to write the score for an Oasis musical. The group was reportedly set to pen a staged musical adaptation of their inspirational rise to fame. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

STEEVE DUGUAY/METRO MONTREAL

Designer Denis Gagnon showed his collection last Thursday during Montreal Fashion Week. Quebec's leading designers introduced their spring and summer 2009 collections at some 20 fashion shows.

'Lively' fashion to battle gloom

Designer Denis Gagnon punches up colours

JESSICA DOSTIE
for Metro Canada

Just because he's accustomed us to dark shades doesn't mean that Denis Gagnon doesn't like colours.

This was proven ten times over by his fashion show on the Marché Bonsecours catwalk last Thursday to close Montreal Fashion Week. These bright and very colourful creations were an antidote to the gloom hanging over the financial markets and to the grey fall weather.

"Yes, I like black, but I also like to wear colours. I'm not in mourning!" Gagnon exclaims, reached at his studio as he was putting the finishing touches on the event.

Colour isn't all. For next spring, Denis Gagnon is using a variety of materials, including silk, leather and jersey, with some of the new techniques he honed last year during a stay at Saga Furs in Copenhagen, a "laboratory for fur, where several major designers have gone, including Christian Lacroix and Jean Paul Gaultier."

"It's a work in progress," he says about his collections and his work with fabrics. Leather with a vintage look or pleated, rumpled and dyed silk — everything is fair game to make the chosen raw material his own.

"Obviously, the dream of every designer is to be able to create his own material, like the big fashion labels, a unique material with its own impression," he concedes. "This is why I work at transforming it, so it becomes mine."

And while "travel is always inspiring" for a designer, Denis Gagnon believes he is just as influenced by his own experiments and by what is happening on a world scale.

Does this mean that the gloomy economic context will have an impact on collections in the coming seasons? "Personally, I follow my instincts more," he explains. "I'm not a sociologist, but I think we'll see lively collections that will function as an antidote to gloom."

In a few words

A quick Q&A with designer Denis Gagnon:

One word to describe your spring and summer 2009 collection?
- *"Colourful. People have seen a lot of black from me, but this collection is brighter, fresher, more summery."*

The season's colour?
- *"Gold."*

Your favourite material?
- *"I always use natural materials: Leather, silk, jersey."*

A must-have?
- *"Small dresses in jersey, just as comfy as pyjamas! They are short, so that women can show off their pretty legs, and can be worn both day and evening."*

An accessory?
- *"Jewelry and handbags. If I really had to choose, I would choose the handbag, among other reasons because of its practical side. ... Everything fits inside."*

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Entertainment in brief

PEOPLE After watching Saturday Night Live make fun of her from afar, Sarah Palin witnessed it first hand this past weekend as Tina Fey engaged in fiction by depicting her at the news conference the Republican vice-presidential nominee has yet to hold. Later, Palin came on stage during a mock news segment.

MUSIC Lil Wayne has been named lyricist of the year and Russell Simmons has been honoured as hip-hop icon at the BET Hip-Hop Awards taped Saturday in Atlanta. The New Orleans rapper, who was nominated for 12 awards, was also named M-V-P of the Year and the Alltel Wireless People's Champ at the ceremony.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Homeless group tops mayor's art awards

SKETCH, which gives homeless young people in Toronto a chance to change their lives by creating art, was a big winner Friday at the Mayor's Arts Award Lunch.

This unique organization, founded 11 years ago, won the $15,000 Arts For Youth Award.

"What we have discovered is that the creative process gives young people the capacity to change their lives," artistic director Phyllis Novak told the Star after accepting the award. "Our main approach is just to get out of their way and let them become self-organizing."

SKETCH has grown into a $1.2 million operation with a large studio space on King Street W. where at-risk people aged 15 to 30 (many of them homeless) become part of a creative community.

Some build skills working with textiles or silkscreen. At Nuit Blanche, several examples of their work were on view to the public.

All three levels of government helped fund SKETCH, but according to board chair John Andras, most of the money comes from private donors.

Theatre pioneer Tom Hendry won the $5,000 William Kilbourn Award for the celebration of Toronto's cultural life. Hendry, a former accountant and co-founder of the Manitoba Theatre Centre, has been a playwright, theatre administrator and crusader for increased support of the arts.

Jazz musician and composer Richard Underhill won the $10,000 Roy Thomson Hall Award of Recognition for his contribution to the city's musical life.

Weyni Mengesha, director of the Dora-winning play Da Kink In My Hair, won the $5,000 RBC Emerging Artist Award.

Torys LLP, a Toronto-based law firm, won the Globe and Mail Business for the Arts Award.

The annual lunch, organized by the Toronto Arts Council, drew more than 300 players in the cultural community. Mayor David Miller, the official host, said artists are the city's greatest ambassadors.

A stirring high point was a performance by legendary singer Jackie Richardson and the Regent Park School of Music Choir.

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A voice

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Lust in translation

BRIAN TOWIE
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Yuki Chikudate fronts New York-based Asobi Seksu.

Yuki Chikudate knows that size doesn't matter in playful sex.

Don't let the frontwoman's diminutive appearance mislead you. Her New York-based dream-pop outfit Asobi Seksu (Japanese for "playful sex"), will unfurl graceful poetry set to toe-tapping rhythms and bombastic, sweeping choruses, the kind of sound that would feel right at home in a big-stadium venue. You'll be able to see them at the Horseshoe tonight as part of their first North American tour in more than two years.

show

- Asobi Seksu will be in Toronto to play the Horseshoe Tavern tonight.

The continental sojourn precedes the February 2009 release of Hush (Single Me And Mary drops November 7.). Produced by Chris Zane (Les Savy Fav, Walkmen), Chikudate says Asobi Seksu's latest has more polish than 2006's Citrus, an effort that used heavy reverbs liberally and which was lauded by critics worldwide.

"It's the most poppy album we've done. We went in with a plan, but we had a few happy accidents and something definitely changed," the singer and keyboardist said. "We're not stacking as many guitars this time. We were more careful about the peaks and valleys and there's more sheen to it. It was a real learning experience."

Not to say the album belies Asobi Seksu's bright swaths of sound that have left neck hairs from Brussels to Tokyo standing up. The approach for the globetrotters remains the same; blending modern pop with Chikudate's cultural roots as she bounces back and forth from English to Japanese lyrics.

"It's not an exact science," Chikudate says of applying her bilingualism. "There's a rhythmic, percussive texture to Japanese that adds to the music. It's never a struggle for me, sometimes you just know when to use it."

Like using Japanese to advertise the band's head-turning name, for instance?

"Why not?" she laughs. "Band names are supposed to get attention, right? That's one of the reasons we came up with it."

Mango metaphor for life in real survival tale

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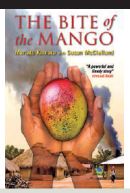
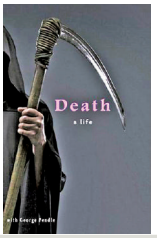


The Bite of the **Mango**

Author: Mariatu Kamara with Susan McClelland
Publisher: Annick Press
Price: $12.95 (Paperback)

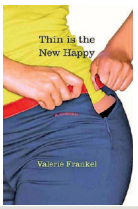
To most, a mango is little more than a sweet tropical fruit. To Mariatu Kamara, it was a reminder of life's potential. In The Bite of the Mango, journalist Susan McClelland retells Kamara's horrifying adolescent brush with death as told to her by Kamara herself. When she was 12 years old, armed rebels attacked Kamara in her native Sierra Leone. They cut off both her hands with a machete, leaving her to crawl through the terrain where eating a mango fuelled Kamara's will to live.



Death: **A Life**

Author: George Pendle
Publisher: Three Rivers Press
Price: $15.95 (Paperback)

Death plays itself in this new "autobiography" where Death as protagonist traces his roots from birth through, well, death. Using mortal George Pendle as his interpreter, Death describes his history, which is mildly akin to a tabloid celebrity. Son of infamous evildoers Satan and Sin, Death reflects on religion, the concept of god and the anticipated "second coming" and even his own struggles with addiction to … life. Death: A Life fuses history with humor (wittily subtitled accompanying photographs included) in an original examination of the dark hand that gives us the big sleep.



Thin Is the New Happy: **A Memoir**

Author: Valerie Frankel
Publisher: St. Martin's Press
Price: $26.95 (Hardcover)

If you're a woman, Valerie Frankel claims you can identify with her. Her memoir, Thin Is the New Happy dives into the magazine editor and novelist's body conscious background, recalling how her body image has influenced most facets of her life. From reciting her dietary pitfalls and triumphs to candidly divulging her active sexual milieu, Frankel leaves little out in an attempt to advise and identify. Frankel is comical and blunt as she relays how weight has affected her and how she was able to tame her self-consciousness within.

Brian Coulton/for Metro Canada

Depardieu buries son

Actor Gerard Depardieu's son Guillaume was laid to rest in Paris, France, on Friday in a ceremony that attracted some of the country's biggest stars. The 37-year-old actor died last week at the Garches hospital after suffering from a bout of pneumonia. IMDB.COM

Weakerthans prove they're 'Strongerthan' competition

Group wins 3 Western Canadian Music Awards

Maybe they should be called the Strongerthans.

Songs about curling, a Winnipeg bus driver and Big Foot helped The Weakerthans dominate the Western Canadian Music Awards yesterday.

The indy pop recording darlings, who have been winning rave reviews as they tour in support of their latest album Reunion Tour, were honoured for outstanding independent album and songwriters of the year at the awards show in Edmonton.

The band, which crafted Reunion Tour in a factory on Winnipeg's outskirts in a few weeks in March 2007, also won video of the year for Civil Twilight, a song about a city bus driver whose route takes him past a house that is haunted only for him.

The Weakerthans appear to have a love-hate relationship with buses. This summer the band missed playing the Lalapalooza festival in Chicago when their tour bus broke down after a show, stranding them in Ohio.

The Western Canadian Music Awards recognizes the best recording artists from Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta, British Columbia and the Yukon in 19 categories.

"It was definitely a great weekend," said Kennedy Jensen, executive director of the Western Canadian Music Alliance.

"We were thrilled to be hosting the event in Edmonton this year — to share our hospitality and amazing spirit."

Alberta native son Corb Lund won the outstanding roots recording — solo — award for the title song of his Horse Soldier! Horse Soldier! album, a ballad that chronicles the changing fortunes of cavalrymen throughout history.

The show opened with a tribute to the life and career of jazz icon Tommy Banks, who was inducted into the Western Canadian Music Hall of Fame, as were Spirit of the West. The Vancouver-based artists performed rousing renditions of their hit singles during the program.

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Award winners

- Aboriginal Recording: Tracy Bone, No Lies
- Blues Recording: Little Miss Higgins, Junction City
- Urban Recording: Souljah Fyah, Truth Will Reveal
- World Recording: Alex Cuba, Agua Del Pozo
- Jazz Recording: Altered Laws, Metaphora
- Pop Recording: The Liptonians, Self-Titled
- Rock Recording: State of Shock, Life, Love & Lies
- Country Recording: Paul Brandt, Risk
- Francophone Recording: Ariane Mahryke Lemire, Double Entendre
- International Achievement Award: Feist, k.d. lang, Nickelback

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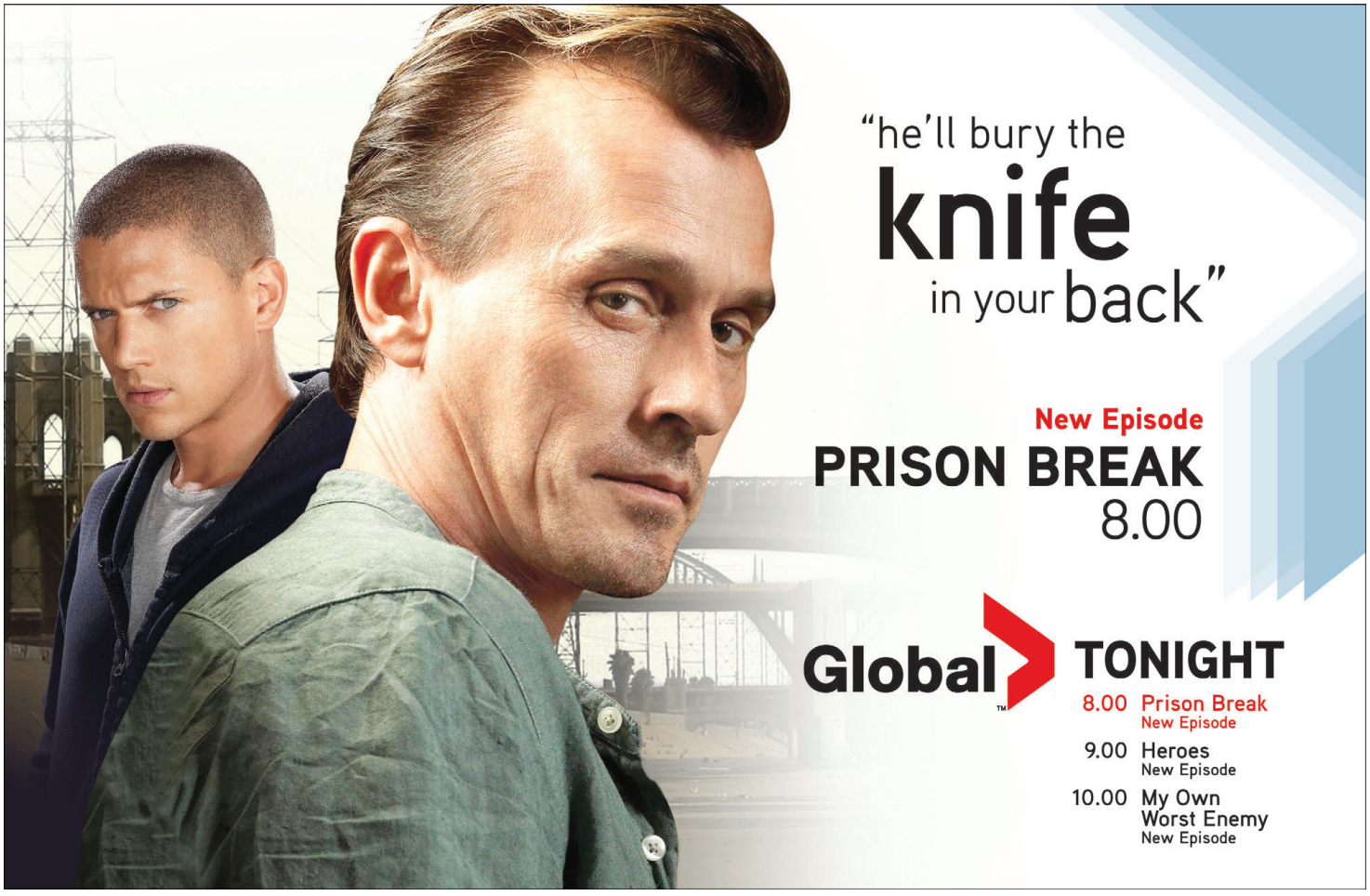

Ferrell to bid adieu to Dubya in Broadway debut

Funnyman Will Ferrell is to tread the boards on Broadway — he'll make his New York stage debut impersonating the U.S. president in comedy You're Welcome America – A Final Night With George W. Bush. Previews will start Jan. 20. IMDB.COM

Madonna expresses herself on Sticky and Sweet tour

Madonna kicked off the first of her Canadian Sticky and Sweet tour dates Saturday night in Toronto with a sold out show at the Air Canada Centre.

The 50-year-old "Material Girl" got started with Candy Shop off her latest album Hard Candy, and the show was a mix of new and old.

Her setlist includes most of the songs off the new album but is also loaded with what the audience really wants to hear — the classics.

Almost half the set is devoted to songs from her extensive back catalogue including Borderline, Into the Groove, La Isla Bonita, Like a Prayer and Vogue, as well as newer hits like Music and Ray of Light. The tour kicked off in Europe and is now making its way through North America, hitting Montreal for two shows this week and another in Vancouver Oct. 30.

One popular tour souvenir seemed to be a shirt emblazoned with a picture of Barack Obama and the phrase "express yourself."

Fans attending shows on the tour may be hoping to hear from Madonna about her recently announced divorce with film director Guy Ritchie.

At a recent show she reportedly introduced the song Miles Away by saying, "This song is for the emotionally retarded. Maybe you know some people who fall into that category. God knows I do."

Whether the lyrics, "I guess we're at our best when we're miles away," are really about Ritchie, only Madonna knows.

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In brief

TRIBUTE The Dylan Ellis Gallery officially opened in Leaside on Oct. 16 to honour the man shot to death this past June with a friend while they were sitting in their car. "It's time to move ahead and celebrate everything he left behind that was good and beautiful," his mother told the Globe and Mail. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Fox orders a full season
Despite somewhat wavering ratings during its second cycle, Fox has granted Terminator: The Sarah Connor Chronicles a full-season order. TVGUIDE.COM

Stupidity makes shows a hit

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THICK AS A BRICK: Smart will keep your car running or give you a really clever way to avoid holidays with the family, but stupid makes the world go around, as well as putting the "rama" in drama.

Let's face it — most of the energy expended over the course of human history has been put into fixing the screw-ups and boners people make when their judgment is off or their ability to think past "kill-eat-fornicate" is stuck in neutral, with all the good stuff — altruism, innovation, selflessness and nobility — being done on weekends and evenings, on a pro bono basis.

The same thing goes with drama and comedy, the cookie and filling of the entertainment Oreo; think of how short Macbeth would have been if the title character had encountered the trio of witches in that misty forest clearing and gone "Uh yeah — three verbose hags crouched in some Scottish wood claim to control the weather in the eastern Mediterranean. Sure thing, babes. If you'll excuse me, I've got to be getting home to divorce my bossy shrew of a wife."

The play would be an act long, and end with Macbeth and Banquo giving bumps to the king and heading home for some haggis and single malt.

MSNBC's website isn't normally the place I go for sly cultural criticism, but last week they printed a piece celebrating the audacious strains of stupid that make television so compelling. Writer Linda Holmes essentially divides broadcast imbecility into two strains — the stupid necessary to fulfill the demands of delivering drama, laughs, or both, and the systemic stupidity needed to make sure most shows are longer than a single, memorable but catastrophic episode. At least one type of dumb must be present, even in really great shows, but it's entirely possible to have both, and still produce a hit.

In the former camp, there's Survivor, which demands that its contestants do exactly the sorts of things you probably wouldn't do if you were really stranded in some remote armpit of nature with a bunch of strangers.

"First, it counts on people to forget that other people also are attempting to win," Holmes writes. "Second, it counts on its contestants to take everything far too much to heart, personalizing what should be no more emotional than a long poker game.

"But it needs all this stupidity. Without regular freak-outs about betrayal and loyalty, Survivor would just be a lot of people walking around in dirty bathing suits and periodically running through obstacle courses."

Then there's the systemic stupidity built into a show's DNA, like the conviction that everyone, from Tyra Banks on down, has to have in the by-now fantastic premise of America's Next Top Model. "Tyra's total lack of perspective is what lends the show drama and phony importance," writes Holmes. "If it were called America's Mostly Obscure Temporary Cover Girl Spokesperson, what kind of ratings would it get?" The magic thing about TV is that being aware of all of this actually makes you smarter than these shows, even if you watch them every week. It's the polar opposite of politics, where recognizing the dull deceit at the heart of the medium and still enjoying the spectacle either makes you a fool or what the media wryly calls an "insider."

Rick McGinnis writes about music, movies, books and television, but not opera.

Moore tapped as new CityLine host

TELEVISION Tracy Moore has been tapped as the new host of the Canadian daytime TV talk show CityLine. The Toronto-born broadcast journalist has been an on-air personality on Citytv — which broadcasts CityLine — since 2005, with reporting stints on CityNews and Breakfast Television Toronto.

Her inaugural broadcast as the official new host of CityLine will be on Oct. 27. Moore landed the job after a summer-long casting call that saw various guest hosts helming the program, which touches on lifestyle issues and features interviews with celebrities as well as experts in food, fashion and design.

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critics' corner

Chuck
Chuck (Zachary Levi) learns more about Sarah's (Yvonne Strahovski) past when they run into her old high-school nemesis Heather Chandler (Nicole Richie). Sarah's teenage insecurities come to the surface, and she tries to avoid Heather at all costs. When Heather's husband, Mark (Ben Savage), turns out to be a key player in an upcoming mission, the agents must attend Sarah's high-school reunion to prevent the sale of potentially dangerous plans. 8 PM on NBC CITY

The Border
This could be an explosive episode. The premier of Quebec has a nagging feeling someone is after him, so the ICS team investigates someone with a history of planting bombs on behalf of the FLQ. They track their suspect to a small town on the U.S. border. James McGowan and Sofia Milos star in the new episode "Nothing to Declare." 9 PM on CBC

Duchovny's tennis coach not denying affair

David Duchovny's tennis coach has sparked rumours her friendship with the actor was the cause for his split from wife Tea Leoni. Edit Pakay, 28, has reportedly failed to deny that she was having an affair with the star. IMDB.COM

Celebrity Buzz

Jolie, Pitt fell in love on set

CONTROVERSY Angelina Jolie has sparked a new scandal after confessing she and Brad Pitt fell in love on the set of action movie Mr. & Mrs. Smith — while the movie hunk was still wed to Jennifer Aniston, imdb.com reports.

The couple has always maintained there was no romance on the set of the 2005 film, and the pair just became "very, very good friends," but now Jolie has a different story.

In an interview with the New York Times newspaper, Jolie lets it slip about where she and Pitt fell in love.

Asked when she thinks her children will be able to watch Mr. & Mrs. Smith, Jolie states, "Not a lot of people get to see a movie where their parents fell in love."

She also tells the Times that she's preparing for a heart to heart chat with her eldest son, Maddox, after realizing he's at an age where his curiosity might lead him to Google his parents online.

She explains she worries the seven year old will "look up my name and see some kind of sexy pictures or read a story about himself that isn't true. There's a lot we're going to have to explain to them about how public their family is."

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Dick to wear alcohol monitoring bracelet

PEOPLE Comedy actor Andy Dick will have to wear an alcohol-monitoring bracelet for a year, after pleading guilty to two misdemeanour charges of battery and marijuana possession in a California court on Friday, imdb.com reports.

Dick struck a deal, ensuring charges of public intoxication and possession of painkiller Xanax without a prescription were dropped.

The accusations all stem from the 42-year-old's arrest outside a restaurant in Murrieta, California in July — after he allegedly exposed a 17-year-old girl's breasts.

When police searched the comedian, they found marijuana and Xanax.

Sexual battery charges were dropped back in August.

Speaking outside court, Dick's attorney Jeffery Rubenstein told reporters, "Andy is a great guy. We are considering this matter closed. He's looking forward to putting this matter behind him."

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McGowan to wed director

RUMOUR Actress Rose McGowan has bounced back from rumours she and boyfriend Robert Rodriguez have split by announcing the pair are engaged and she's planning the perfect wedding, imdb.com reports.

McGowan has told reporters that she and the cult director are planning to marry in 2009.

"I am engaged," she said, revealing Rodriguez proposed to her in September after divorcing his first wife Elizabeth.

McGowan and Rodriguez met on the set of the Grindhouse movie Planet Terror and are now reportedly teaming up to make remakes of Red Sonja and Barbarella.

McGowan admits she has her perfect wedding in her sights.

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Ritchie says he is 'doing fine'

BREAKUP Guy Ritchie is "doing fine" since news of his impending divorce with Madonna hit the news, a friend tells People.

"(The divorce) is news to you and everyone else, but for Guy this has been a long time coming," the friend adds. "I think he's sort of relieved that it's all out there. He doesn't have to fake it anymore."

As for the kids — Lourdes, 12, Rocco, 8, and David, 3 — the friend says, "They're great. They are Guy and Madonna's top priority." METRO NEWS SERVICES

celebrity briefs

Furtado confirms she tied the knot

MARRIAGE Nelly Furtado's Maneater days are over, People.com reports.

In an interview with Entertainment Tonight Canada airing Friday night, the British Columbia-born singer confirmed that she married sound engineer Demacio "Demo" Castellon over the summer.

"We got married July 19th," she said. "I love it."

The singer continued, "It's a nice phase of my life."

Furtado, 29, recently sported a new diamond ring in Miami, sparking rumors that she had tied the knot.

"I just feel kind of free and relaxed and more in tune with trying not to be so stressed out," she said.

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Lohan lashes out at the press

PEOPLE Actress Lindsay Lohan has hit out at the press for pursuing her even when she's out clubbing, because it makes her feel like a caged animal, female-first.co.uk reports.

Lohan headed out to a Washington, D.C. club, late last week to support her girlfriend, DJ Samantha Ronson, who was playing a set at the venue. But Lohan was unable to fully enjoy herself because of all the unwanted attention from photographers and excited clubgoers clamouring to get a picture of the star.

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FameThrower

Joe O'Neill

Joe's take on celebrities

You know that TV commercial that features people doing happy dances because they've won, or feel they might win, the lottery? That's what I imagine **Guy Ritchie** is doing right about now. I know I'll miss that, "Please help me, I just wanted to give my directorial career a boost, but now I'm trapped with the waffle-haired cryptkeeper" look he always had in their pictures together, but it's hard to begrudge a guy the taste of freedom from utter insanity.

True, **Guy** probably acquired one more African orphan (if a kid with a living father can be considered an orphan) than he would have liked, and the fact that he had one biological child with **Madge** means he'll have to have some kind of contact with her until one of them dies, but at least he can kiss goodbye to the maddeningly fake accent, the macrobiotic food, the Kaballah water enemas, the ridiculous wrestling belt and the bedroom ceiling screen showing Shanghai Surprise 24/7.

His estranged wife has already made comments indicating that **Ritchie**'s emotional distance was a problem for her. Duh, he's English. Those guys are light years behind North American males when it comes to being completely emasculated.

There's already speculation on how much money **Ritchie** will get in the settlement. My position is that he just spent eight years with one of the world's chief causes of human suffering, so that hundreds of millions of men didn't have to. Whatever he gets, it ain't enough.

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Heigl, husband may adopt from South Korea

FAMILY Actress Katherine Heigl and her husband Josh Kelley are planning to adopt a child from South Korea within the next year, according to reports.

The couple has reportedly chosen South Korea because Heigl's older sister Meg was adopted from the country, imdb.com reports.

"Meg has had a profound impact on Katherine's life, which is why she and Josh are trying to adopt a Korean child," a source tells the National Enquirer. "They've chosen an adoption agency and have started filing the necessary paperwork. They haven't gone public with the news yet because they want to make sure there are no problems before they make an announcement."

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Eminem documents grief in new book

MEMOIR In a new memoir, rapper Eminem recalls his devastating grief after the 2006 shooting death of his close friend and fellow D12 rapper Proof, People.com reports.

"I have never felt so much pain in my life," he writes in The Way I Am, which hits stores Oct. 21 and features dozens of personal photos, handwritten lyrics and sketches. "It was tough for me to even get out of bed, and I had days when I couldn't walk, let alone write a rhyme."

Eminem, 36, also opens up about how he and ex-wife Kimberly Mathers are co-parenting daughter Hailie, 12, teenage niece Alaina, and 6-year-old Whitney, Kim's daughter from a previous relationship.

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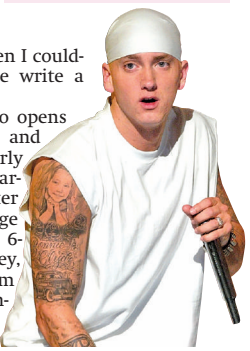

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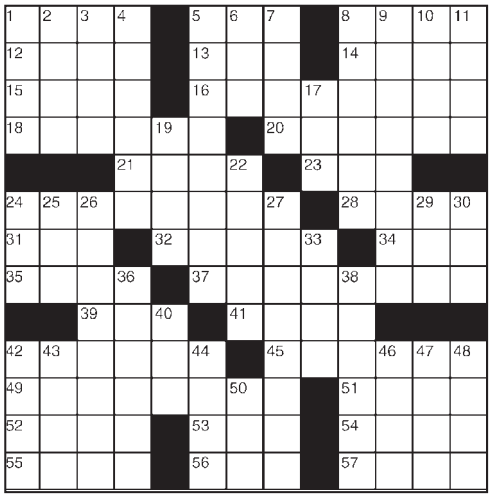

Crossword across

1 Friend
5 Egos' counterparts
8 Leading man?
12 Sax-playing Simpson
13 Born
14 Arizona city
15 Greek war god
16 Somewhat sore, as a throat
18 Know-it-all, maybe
20 Desert waterway
21 Bound
23 Distant
24 Wrote hastily
28 Philosopher Immanuel
31 Gorilla
32 Done in
34 Plaything
35 Cleanse
37 Ice-removing gadgets
39 Pitch
41 Medal earner
42 Illinois city
45 Mythological maidens
49 Prepare eggs, in a way
51 Repast
52 "— a Lady"
53 Vegas intro
54 Therefore
55 Throw
56 Sullivan and McMahon
57 Strong yearning

Crossword down

1 Applaud
2 Employ
3 Secondhand
4 Spice blend of Indian cuisine
5 Sets up for use
6 Last calendar pg.
7 Antitoxins
8 National Railroad Passenger Corporation
9 Adorn
10 Wan
11 BLT topper
17 "Bow-wow!"
19 Information
22 Fuzzy fruit
24 Witnessed
25 Bookkeeper (Abbr.)
26 Makes good as new
27 Tragic condition
29 Neither mate
30 Pennington and Cobb
33 — a soul (nobody)
36 Bother repeatedly
38 Saddle knob
40 Edge
42 Hushed "Hey, you!"
43 Reverberate
44 Skilled
46 South American land
47 Crones
48 Coin aperture
50 Young fellow

Sudoku

HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

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	9						4	
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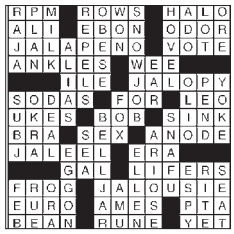

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7	4	2	8	5	9	6	3	1
9	5	8	1	3	6	2	7	4
5	7	3	6	4	2	9	1	8
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6	9	4	7	1	8	3	5	2

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Under 13 min .....Genius
13-17 min.....Scholar
17-21 min .....Smart
21-25 min.....Not bad
25+ min.....Keep practising

Recipe of the day

Turkey Club Sandwich

INGREDIENTS:
4 strips lean bacon, halved
12 slices whole-wheat sandwich bread, toasted
½ cup (125 mL) light mayonnaise
8 lettuce leaves
1 large tomato, thinly sliced
8 oz (250 g) thinly sliced cooked turkey breast
8 tiny sweet pickles
8 pimiento-stuffed green olives

METHOD:
1. Cook bacon over moderate heat until crisp. Drain and set aside.
2. Spread each bread slice with mayonnaise. Place 1 lettuce leaf on each of four bread slices, then top each with tomato and two half-strips bacon. Add another slice of bread, mayo side up, and top with remaining lettuce. Divide turkey evenly among sandwiches. Top with remaining bread.
3. Cut sandwiches in half diagonally. Thread a pickle and an olive onto each of eight wooden toothpicks, then poke a pick into each sandwich half.

PER SERVING:
400 calories, 26 g protein, 45 g carbohydrate, 2 g fibre, 13 g total fat, 3 g saturated fat, 62 mg cholesterol, 700 mg sodium

SERVES 4

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ARIES
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
There's danger of a cranky person visiting you. A grieving person moves toward closure. An agenda is going through a transformation.

TAURUS
APRIL 21-MAY 21
Forget a deed done in weakness. A crude crook causes anxiety attacks. You'll acquire facility with finances.

GEMINI
MAY 22-JUNE 21
You must take charge of a sensitive issue. A presumptuous expert will probe a sore spot. A baffling man is too hilarious.

CANCER
JUNE 22-JULY 22
Do not walk through a dark park alone. A manager will stir up memories. A sweet talker will tell secrets.

LEO
JULY 23-AUG 23
Don't let anything get the better of you. A woman's moodiness has a certain elegance. A friend needs a firmer commitment from you.

VIRGO
AUG 24-SEPT 22
Enlightenment appears when your best friend shares techniques. You'll learn the truth about a distressing situation.

LIBRA
SEPT 23-OCT 23
Lamps must be checked for flaws. There is no fool like a young fool. Contact is renewed with someone at a distance.

SCORPIO
OCT 24-NOV 22
A grateful person will support you. The solution to an ironic problem improves working conditions. Get involved when someone needs comfort.

SAGITTARIUS
NOV 23-DEC 21
Don't neglect a frivolous idiot. Positive progress is made in talks. A dismal male will get your attention in a vexing way.

CAPRICORN
DEC 22-JAN 20
There's no need to feel sorry for a troublemaker. Home is the place to retreat when you're vulnerable. Loneliness will fade.

AQUARIUS
JAN 21-FEB 18
A spirited female applies logic with care. A friendly enemy stops playing games. A fair man demands that you do the right thing.

PISCES
FEB 19-MARCH 20
Don't push anyone around in a debate. Play nice with enemies. Nobody wants to get legal correspondence.

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3. Cheek cosmetic in an Olympic sled (1)
4. Everyday Japanese noodle dish (2)
5. Madrid's nation's jets (1)
6. Branch trimmer's radio knobs (2)
7. Army draft postponement citing (3)

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